

1957 Ford Thunderbird

2dr Convertible · 8-cyl. 312cid/245hp 4bbl

#1 Concours condition

\$73,400

▼ -8.1%

#2 Excellent condition

\$47,200

▼ -8.2%

#3 Good condition

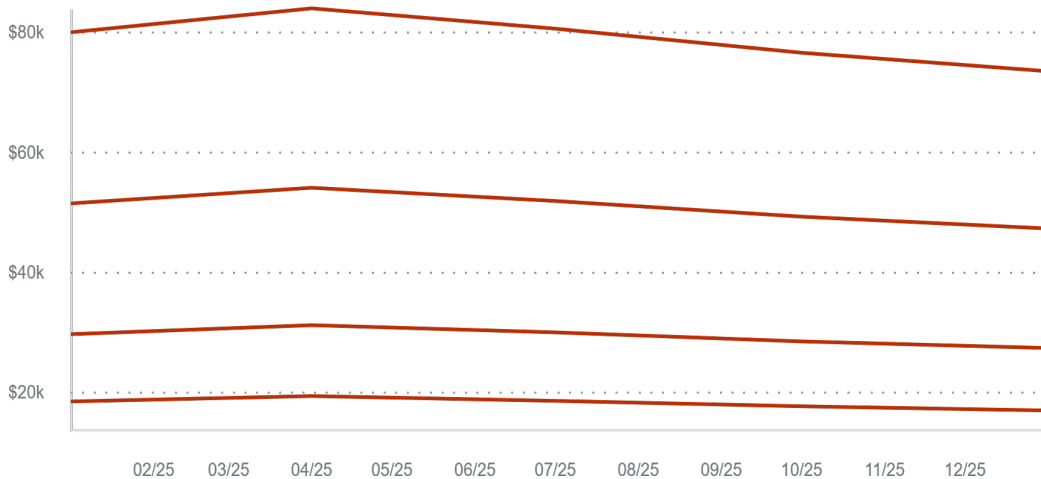
\$27,300*

▼ -7.8%

#4 Fair condition

\$16,900

▼ -8.2%



NOTE: The chart displays price changes for the last year.

Value adjustments

-\$6,000
for hard top only.

-\$4,000
for soft top only.

Prices assume both hard and soft tops. Deductions can never exceed 50% of condition #4 value.

Model description

For 1957, the Ford Thunderbird underwent some visual changes. Most notably, the front bumper was reconfigured, removing the large chrome nacelles, and adding fog lights to the corners. This opened up the grille visually, and made it seem more like the luxurious boulevard cruiser that it was.

The "Thunderbird" inscription was moved from the rear quarter to ahead of the front quarter panel vent. Out back, the spare tire was moved back into the trunk, and the rear fascia was revised. The fins were thinned out and more pronounced, and the rear bumper featured a new design. At the corners of the bumper, the once-subtle exhaust outlets were replaced with wider integrated outlets.

Inside, the 1957 Ford Thunderbird was available with new "Dial-O-Matic" four-way power seats. They performed the clever trick of sliding back when the ignition was turned off to make it easier to climb in and out.

Engine options continued to feature the base 292 cid V-8 and 312 cid V-8. Buyers could also get the 312 V-8 in 245-hp and 270-hp variants, as well as a Racing Kit version with twin four-barrel Holley Carburetors. That third version of the 312 put out 285 hp and 343 lb-ft of torque.

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For 1957, Ford added a high-feature version of the 312 V-8. The supercharged engine put out a claimed 300 hp and 340 lb-ft of torque when new.

Transmission options continued to be a 3-speed manual, an overdrive transmission, and a Ford-O-Matic automatic transmission.

Ford sold 21,380 examples of the 1957 T-Bird, making the most successful year of the T-Bird's early three-year run. It would be replaced by a larger, more spacious Thunderbird in 1958, leading to the first generation cars being referred to as "Baby Birds."

Body styles

2dr Convertible

Engine types

8-cyl. 292cid/212hp 2bbl

8-cyl. 312cid/245hp 4bbl

8-cyl. 312cid/270hp 2x4bbl

8-cyl. 312cid/300hp SC

1955-1957 Ford Thunderbird stats

Highest sale
\$660,000

Lowest sale
\$1,100

Most recent sale
\$45,521

Sales
4850

Equipment

Standard Equipment

3-Speed Manual Transmission

Bucket Seats

Removable Hardtop

Tachometer

Optional Equipment

AM

Automatic Transmission

Heater/Defroster

Power Brakes

Power Steering

Power Windows

Seat Belts

Soft Top-Fabric

White Sidewall Tires

Additional Info

Shipping Weight: 3134 lbs

Vehicle Length: 181.4 in

Wheelbase - Inches: 102 in

Vehicle's condition classification

#1. Concours

#1 vehicles are the best in the world. Imagine the best vehicle, in the right colors, driving onto the lawn at the finest concours. Perfectly clean, the vehicle has been groomed down to the tire treads. Painted and chromed surfaces are mirror-like. Dust and dirt are banned, and materials used are correct and superbly fitted.

#3. Good

#3 vehicles drive and run well but are not used for daily transportation. The casual passerby will not find any visual flaws, but these vehicles might have some incorrect parts. #3 vehicles could possess some, but not all, of the issues of a #4 vehicle, but they will be balanced by other factors such as fresh paint or a new, correct interior.

#2. Excellent

#2 vehicles could win a local or regional show. They might even be former #1 vehicles that have been driven or have aged. Seasoned observers will have to look closely for flaws but will be able to find some. The paint, chrome, glass and finishes will all appear as excellent. The vehicle drives as a new vehicle of its era would.

#4. Fair

#4 vehicles are daily drivers, with flaws visible to the naked eye. The chrome might have pitting, the windshield might be chipped and perhaps the body has a minor dent. Imperfect paintwork, split seams or a cracked dash might be present. No major parts are missing, but there might be non-stock additions. A #4 vehicle can also be a deteriorated restoration.